## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mazumder et al.

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For: DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION APPARATUS UTILIZING RAPID-RESPONSE DIODE LASER SOURCE

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: